

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell having an anode, a cathode and an electrolyte which is an ion exchange membrane, wherein the anode and cathode are immediately adjacent the electrolyte and wherein the anode comprises an electrocatalyst on a wire mesh support which is a mesh of conductive material comprising strands defining pores and channels therebetween, and an electrocatalyst layer only on the strands leaving the pores and channels substantially uncovered.

2. - 4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the electrocatalyst is a metal, metal alloy, metal oxide or metal hydride.

6. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the mesh has a minimum pore size of 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

7. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the mesh has a minimum pore size of 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

8. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the mesh comprises a plurality of layers.

9. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell according to claim 8, wherein adjacent layers of the mesh are orientated at an angle to one another.

10. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the mesh is made of a conductive material selected from metal, metal alloy and metal composite.

11. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell according to claim 10, wherein the mesh is made from titanium or titanium alloy.

12. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein there is at least one intermediate layer between the electrocatalyst and the mesh.

13. - 14. (Canceled).